

February 15, 2015

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Pastor's Note(s):

Sunday Commentary: In today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45, we hear Mark's report of the miraculous healings that Jesus performed in Galilee. Today's reading focuses on the man with leprosy who took the initiative, and approached Jesus to ask for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act.

The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses.

Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

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Welcome to Lent 2015!

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES

Holy Spirit Two Harbors

8.15 am - Mass and Signing of Ashes - Fr. Michael

7.00 pm - Liturgy of the Word with Signing of Ashes -

Deacon Tim

St. Mary's Silver Bay

8.15 am - Liturgy of the Word with Signing of Ashes -

Deacon Fred

6.00 pm - Mass with Signing of Ashes - Fr. Michael

Baptized in Christ: Lucy Jean Lackore (parents: Patrick and Karlene). We congratulate her parents and we pray they will be the best of teachers of their child in the ways of Christian faith.

Lenten Guidelines: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. (USCC)

Lenten Events in our Parish: Mark your calendars!

February 27 - Soup Supper 5.30 pm Parish Hall, with Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm

March 6 - Fish Fry Dinner 5.30 pm Parish Hall, with Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm

March 13 - Soup Supper 5.30 pm Parish Hall, with Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm

March 20 - Fish Fry Dinner 5.30 pm in the Parish Hall, with Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm

March 27 - Soup Supper 5.30 pm in the Parish Hall, with Stations of the Cross 6.30 pm.

Lenten Scripture Series: Deacon Tim Egan will be providing a 5-part presentation on the Sunday Scripture selections for Lent. Presentations will be made on Thursday evenings at 7 PM and last one hour each. All parishioners are welcome as are any guests or friends they might like to bring. There is no charge.

Opportunities for your Lenten Journey: Come join us on Friday mornings after Mass during Lent. We will be viewing the 30 minute DVD "*Catching Fire Becoming Flame*": by Fr. Albert Haase, OFM. All are Welcome.

Little Black Books for Lent will be available the weekend of February 14-15. Take one for your Lenten enrichment.

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Saturday	SAINT CYRIL & SAINT METHODIUS	02/14/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Joe & Marge Uremovich Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalice: Deacon Tim Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Mary Uremovich	
Sunday	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	02/15/15
11:00 a.m.	Mass —Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Shannah Groothausen Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Linda Hoffman & Jeannie Shaw Servers: Kaden & Hattie Edlund	
Monday	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	02/16/15
Tuesday	THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER	02/17/15
5:45 P.M.	Choir Practice	
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY	02/18/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass & Ashes Reader: Liz Scheidt Chalice: Deacon Tim Egan & Nancy Olsen	
6:45 p.m.	Religious Education—Grades 5-11	
7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word & Ashes Reader: Gina Lemke	
Thursday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	02/19/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Mary's, Silver Bay	
6:30 p.m.	Men's Prayer Group	
Friday	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	02/20/15
8:15 a.m.	Mass—Intention Fr. Anselm	
Saturday	SAINT PETER DAMIAN	02/21/15
3:30 p.m.	Reconciliation	
4:30 p.m.	Mass—Intention † Eugene Kubiszewski Reader: Confirmation Student Chalice: Deacon Tim Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Mary Uremovich	
Sunday	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	02/22/15
9:45 a.m.	Religious Education—Grades Pre,K-4	
11:00 a.m.	Mass —Intention for All Parishioners Reader: Shannah Groothausen Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Linda Hoffman & Jeannie Shaw Servers: Kaden & Hattie Edlund	

Valentine Pot Luck: All are invited to a Valentine pot luck on February 15, after Mass. Bring your sweetheart, family and friends and a dish to pass. Join us for the kick-off event of 2015. Please call Laura Lien at 834-9549 for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Toni Johnson, Joann Ostendorf, Ron Ostendorf, and Ron Kor.



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Vince Ojard, Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson.

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.

Youth Happenings

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Mark your Calendars!!!

Rice Bowls: There are Rice Bowls in the back of the Church. If you would like, take one, fill it and return by March 27. Thank you for your help.

Cinnamon Roll Sale: We will be selling cinnamon rolls again on April 4th & 5th. Only \$5.00! The proceeds will be going toward the purchase of new Bibles for Church School.

Attention Crafters: We are looking for Crafters for our Spring Bazaar, Sat. May 2nd, from 9-3 pm. We supply the table for \$20.00. The money earned will go towards V.B.S. (Vacation Bible School). Please contact Connie Koss at 834-4433.

We have some great opportunities coming soon for our youth!

April—Jr. High Retreat
June—Vacation Bible School
July—D-Week
Steubenville Mission
August—Camp Survive
Watch for further details.

Last Week's Contributions

Weekend Collection.....	\$2,042.12
Bldg. Fund.....	\$130.00
UCA.....	150.00